

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Art Unit: 3624 )  
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Examiner: J. Patel )  
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Applicant(s): Mark Paul Everson et al. )  
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Serial No.: 09/532,560 )  
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Filing Date: March 22, 2000 )  
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For: METHOD OF OPTIMIZING MARKET )  
AND INSTITUTIONAL RISKS IN )  
FOREIGN EXCHANGE HEDGING )  
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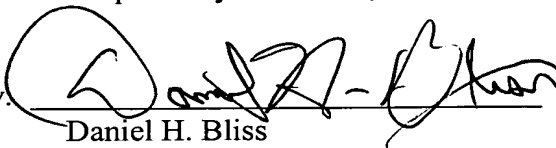
**WITHDRAWAL  
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Sir:

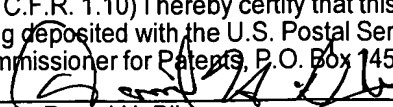
Applicants expressly withdrawal their appeal to the Board of Appeals from the final rejection of the Primary Examiner rejecting claims 1 through 6. Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination in favor of newly amended claims, which would require further consideration by the Examiner. It is hoped that the Examiner and Applicants can reach an agreement as to the allowability of the amended claims for the Request for Continued Examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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